HAS HESS GOT A PROMISE?

MAYOR VAN WYCK EXPECTED TO LET HIM HOLD OVER.

Didn't He Vote With the Democrats on New Captains?-Judge Cohen Sees Platt About the Two Police Bills -One-Headed Commission and Bipartisan Election Board.

Politicians are asking whether or not Mayor Van Wyck will reappoint Police Commissioner Jacob Hess to-morrow when Mr. Hess's term expires. A great deal of feelng has arisen over the recent appointment of sixteen new police captains. The Republican Commissioners, Mr. Hess and Mr. Abell. "got" only one police captain apiece and Mr. Abell's friends said yesterday that this situation was brought about by the attitude of Mr. Heas. They declare that Mr. Abell appealed to Mr. Hess to stand by him so that by preserving a solid front the two Republican Commissioners could get very many more than two captains "or know the reason why." But no. Mr. Abell's friends continued. Mr. Hess would not stand by Mr. Abell on the ground that he had to act with the Democratic Commissioners Mr. York and Mr. Sexton "because Mr. York and Mr. Sexton have promised that I shall

be reappointed by Mayor Van Wyck." It was declared last night that pending the police legislation at Albany the Republic can organization of New York county will can organization of New York county will not recommend to Mayor Van Wyck the appointment of a commissioner to succeed Mr. Hess and that Mayor Van Wyck will take no action to-morrow toward reappointing or removing Mr. Hess, but that Mr. Hess will be permitted to hold over. In other words, according to a slang phrase of the day, "there will be nothing doing." But in the estimation of politicians, "when there is nothing doing, somebody is being done." Last evening Senator Platt and ex-Supreme Court Justice William N. Cohen conferred as to the police bills to be introduced at Albany. Mr. Cohen has been busy for nearly a month drafting police bills. Senator Platt said last night that he believed only two bills would be introduced, one for a single-headed police commission for New York city, and the other for a bipartisan board of elections for New York city. It may be some time before these bills can be passed, and after that Mayor Van Wyck, according to the constitution of 1894, has fifteen days in which to pass upon them. Should these bills be passed at Albany and rejected by the Mayor, the Republicans have a sufficient majority in the Legislature to repass them over the Mayor's veto. The Republicans have fifteen majority in the Senate and sixty majority in the Assembly. not recommend to Mayor Van Wyck the in the Assembly.

Senator Platt, Chairman Dunn of the Republican State Committee and Senator Elisworth, who is again to be President protem, of the Senate, had a final conferance at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday concerning the make up of the Senate committees. The finishing touches were put on and to-day Chairman Dunn is to take the list to Albany. It will be submitted to a caucus of the Senators to be held on Tuesday evening.

NO ORDERS ABOUT DEVERY. Croker Has Not Spoken So Far as Tammany

Men Can Find Out. Chief Devery was not accessible to reporters yesterday, although from time to time he was at the Four Corners, puffing his fat black cigars and apparently doing a heap of thinking. The Chief is not out yet and there is apparently no telling when he will be out. It is a "no quarter" fight between Devery and York. As far as can be learned Mr. Croker has not been called in to settle the trouble yet. A great many Tammany men believe that Commissioner Sexton has apprised the Boss of the situation, and is now waiting for a decision. Devery does not believe that the Boss will go back on him. If any answer has been received from Mr. Croker it is being kept a secret. No one could be found yesterday who had heard of any word from the Boss outside of the resign in a body that they will all letter received several days ago by Lewis Nixon, which is said to have related ex-

clusively to Mr. Croker's health When Devery is retired the belief is that it will come with great suddenness. Without any flourishing of trumpets the board will go into session, and if the necessary unanimous vote cannot be secued. three Commissioners, York, Sexton and Abell will vote for a resolution to retire the Chief. and the resolution will then be sent down town for the Mayor's approval. There is little doubt, if three of the Commissioners are allowed to vote to retire Devery, that the Mayor will approve the act. There will be a board meeting to-day, called primarily for the purpose of promoting some iffy roundsmen to be sergeants, and it is not impossible that some action will be taken on

possible that some action will be taken on the Chief's case.

In the meantime the Brooklyn politicians are angry over the delay in retiring Devery. Although they defeated Devery in the matter of the transfers of Deputy Chiefs McLaughlin and Clayton, there is another sore point that they haven't beaten him in, and as long as he is Chief they have no remedy. The Willoughby Street machine is very angry over the sending to Brooklyn of Inspector Kane. But where the Corporation Counsel helped them once, he cannot help them again. The power of the Chief to send inspectors where he pleases is not questioned. No one can bring Kane back to Manhattan but Devery, and knowing how uncomfortable it is to the Brooklyn crowd to have Kane hovering around. Devery is not likely to please them in the matter. the meantime, the Brooklyn crowd are

In the meantime, the Brocklyn crowd are said to be doing everything in their power to make things uncomfortable for Kane in their borough. Here is the latest story. Several days ago Deputy Chief McLaughlin called Kane before him and said that a man had been making a handbook on the races in the vicinity of the Borough. Hall for a long time, and that all the skill of the local police had been concentrated on the one job of the vicinity of the Borough Hall for a long time, and that all the skill of the local police had been concentrated on the one job of catching this man. The man had become so used to dedging Brooklyn policemen, it was explained, that it was useless to send any more after him, and so McLaughlin told Kane that he wanted him to catch the bookmaker, and said he would hold him personally responsible for him. Kane put two or three of the men he had brought over from Manhattan with him on the trail of the bookmaker and finally located him in a Willoughby street restaurant. But the bookmaker and his friends had the tip and gave Kane's men the laugh when they tried to place bets. It afterward developed that the man was the pettiest kind of a gambler, and that he takes only twenty-five and fifty-cent bets, and that no attempt to stop him has ever been made. The idea of putting a police officer of the rank of inspector after so petty a lawbreaker was regarded by Kane as an attempt to humiliate him, and there is no one in Brooklyn who will say that Kane was sent after the bookmaker with any serious idea of having him catch him.

CLEVELAND GOES SOUTH.

With "Fighting Bob" Evans and Others He Is After Ducks at Murphy's Island. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30. -Grover Cleve-

land, "Fighting Bob" Evans and other sportsmen arrived at Georgetown in a special car at midnight last night. They slept in their car and this morning went by launch to Murphy's Island, where for ten days they will be the guests of the Murphy's Island Gun Club. The party has been invited to attend a dinner of the Palmetto Club to-morrow night. Mr. Cleveland is an honorary mem-ber. er.

The first real duck weather of the year
set in this morning with a cold northeaster
driving fine rain.

Edward P. Breen, a deaf mute, of 239 East Thirteenth street, who was knocked down Thirteenths street, who was knocked down by a trolley car on 125th street last night, didn't know what was he when Dr. Levy of the Harlem Hospital began to pull off Breen's shoes as a preliminary to rubbing as legs. The mute grabbed his umbrella and whacked the dector on the head. Then another mute explained by sign language that Dr. Levy was not a highwayman but a friend in need and Breen submitted to being fixed up. He wasn't hurt much.

E. CHURCHILL COFFMAN. SUICIDE.

Promoter Leaves Home to Polson and Shoot Himself at a Hotel.

E. Churchill Coffman, who lived at \$14 West Fifty-fifth street, committed suicide in the New York Hotel at 30 East Forty second street yesterday afternoon by swallowing carbolic acid and shooting himself. He came to the hotel on Saturday evening and asked for a room. The clerk, John R Siminson, recognized him as a man who had been at the hotel two or three times before with his wife and daughter. This time he registered as E Churchill of Philadelphia and said that he didn't want a room at once, as he was going to have dinner. He didn't return until 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Then he asked for "a nice quiet room" and was sent to No. 80s on the third floor. He left instructions with the clerk that if a man called to see him it was on important business and he wanted to be notified at once no matter what time it was.

He was around the office vesterday until noon, when he went to his room. He was found dead there at 6 o'clock. His body was in a sitting posture on the side of the was in a sitting posture on the side of the bed. In his right hand was a pistol and there was a builet hole over the right temple. On the dresser were two empty bottles. One had contained whiskey and the other carbolic acid. On the floor was a small glass. A note on the dresser, written in pencil, said: "Please notify 314 West Fifty-fifth street." There were several letters addressed to E. C. Coffman, 314 West Fifty-fifth street. One of them was a letter of recommendation. Coffman, 314 West Fifty-fifth street. One of them was a letter of recommendation, saying that "The bearer was a man of means and capable of filling any position."

George Engert, the proprietor of the hotel, said that Coffman was apparently a promoter engaged in trying to launch some kind of a parent.

The house at 314 West Fifty-fifth street The house at 314 West Fifty-fifth street is a private dwelling. A woman who came to the door said that Mr. Coffman had left home on Saturday afternoon. He had had a difference with Mrs. Coffman, she said, and when he did not return home that night she feared that he would do something rash. The people living in the neighborhood said that the Coffman family apparently had some means. They have occupied the house for about seven months. For the past three months they have taken in barders.

the past three months they have taken in barders. Coffman's body was removed to the West Thirtieth street station. H. Doane Pflum who said that he lodged with the Coffman scame to the station and said that he represented Mrs. Coffman and would take charge of the body for her. He said that he had been in the house only a short time and knew little about the family except that at one time the suicide had evidently had considerable money. money.

Coffman purchased the carbolic scid in a drug store at 805 Eighth avenue on Saturday afternoon and bought the whiskey in a saloon near the drug store.

MORE OF GARDINER'S STAFF TO GO. Other Deputies Than O'Reilly Ready to Resign Fate of Osborne and Unger.

Assistant District Attorney McIntyre, who resigned on Saturday at the request of District Attorney Philbin, told a friend yesterday that he believed he owed his retirement to Gov. Roosevelt. He said he had been informed that the Governor had said that the removal of Gardiner would not be complete unless McIntyre went too. Mr. McIntyre said yesterday that a statement attributed to Mr. Philbin in a published interview, to the effect that Mr McInty's had not been asked to resign, must have been a misquotation of the District Attorney.

"At noon yesterday," said Mr. McIntyre, "Mr. Philbin called me into his office and said: 'Mr. McIntyre, I have decided to ask for your resignation' I said Very well. for your resignation. I taid. Very well, sir, here it is, and gave fit to him. That's all there was to it. I'm not such a fool as to give up a \$7,500 job unless I have to."
District Attorney Philbin had nothing to say yesterday about the retirement of Mr. McIntyre. When the staff of deputy assistants who served under Col. Gardiner gather to-day there will be a number of resignations ready for Mr Philbin, and it was said yesterday that the entire staff of deputies might resign in a body. It is not believed, however, that they will all go. Daniel O'Reilly is the that they will all go Daniel O'Reilly is the only one of the deputies who has positively announced that he will quit to-day. How long Assistants Osborne and Unger will stay is a question that has caused a good deal of speculation since Mr. Philbin took charge of the office. Mr. Osborne's connection with the Molineux case, it was believed, would certainly lead the District Attorney to ask him to remain, but Mr. Osborne was no more important in the Molineux case than Mr. McIntyre was in the Kennedy case, the retrial of which is pending at the present time. And of which is pending at the present time. And ret McIntyre went. So it would surprise about to see Mr Osborne go too.

BROTHER ACCUSED OF MURDER. John O'Brien's Dying Sister Said He Had Assaulted and Robbed Her.

Mrs. Mary Kelly of Duke street, Kearny, died yesterday in St. Michael's Hospital after accusing her brother, John O'Brien, of assaulting and robbing her on Friday morning. Dec. 21, in Harrison. She was found lying unconscious at the foot of the steep embankment of the Erie Railway at the Fifth street crossing in Harrison. Both of her arms were broken, and she was internally injured. She remained unconscious until last Tuesday, and then one of the first remarks she made was that she never wanted to see her brother again. This led to an investigation, and witnesses were found who saw O'Brien leave a trolley car and follow his sister toward the

trolley car and follow his sister toward the place where she was found.

Cone witness said that O'Brien rifled his sister's pockets as she lay at the foot of the embankment. O'Brien was arrested at his home, and Mrs. Keily's pocketbook containing a small sum of money was found in his possession. He admitted having met her on the morning she was found and said that she tripped and fell down the bank. He said he

tripped and fell down the bank. He said he picked up the pocketbook after it fell from her pocket and then notified her husband of the accident.

Mrs. Kelly made a statement to the effect that her brother had demanded money of her, and when she refused to give it to him he had either pushed her or struck her so that she went down the embankment. O'Brien is now in the Hudson County Jail. He is 45 years old.

HIS SIN WAS VOTING FOR BRYAN. Revival Penitent Says He Took Money From

Republicans and Voted the Other Way. Indianapolis, Dec. 30 .- For several days religious revival has been in progress in the Quaker Church at Kempton, Howard county, and there have been a large number of conversions. At the meeting last night of conversions. At the meeting last night Charles Wailace volunteered to make a confession of the greatest sin that he had ever committed. The congregation was surprised at the earnestness of the penitent when he announced his purpose. He then declared that he had voted for Bryan at the recent election and asked the prayers of the members of the church that he might be forgiven. He also said that he had accepted money for his vote from the Republicans and had then voted contrary to his promise. for his vote from the Republicans then voted contrary to his promise.

CROSS'S SHADOW ON THE DOOR.

Is Going On.

GEEENUP, III., Dec. 30.-At Clear Creek. n miles north of this city, the people are much excited over the appearance of the shadow of a cross on the church front. A shadow of a cross on the church front. A big revival was in progress when the shadow was discovered. For six mornings large crowds gathered to view the phenomenon. On the seventh day it ceased to appear. As no trees or, so far as may be seen, any other substance stands between the church and the rising sun no one has been able to solve the mystery. It was no doubt a shadow thrown by some mysterious reflex of light, but the superstitious insist that it has a meaning and that something is going to happen.

To Washington in Five Bours.

From New York, Royal Blue five hour trains, leave foot of Liberty street, 11:50 A. M., 1:00 P. M., and the "Royal Limited"—no excess fare—at 5:40 P. M. Other fast sould trains at 8:00, 10:00 A. M., 1:50, 5:00, 7:00 P. M. and 12:15 night. Leave South Ferry 5 minutes earlier. Best dining and cafe car service in the world.—Ade:

JOHN HANNA DEMANDS \$15,000 AS HUSH MONEY.

Trapped by the Police, He Says He Saw No Harra in It Denounced by the Magistrate and Held for Felony Is 19 Years Old and Wears a High Collar and a Red Necktie.

The family of Louis Stutz, a well-to-do provision dealer in Broadway and Ellery street, Will amsburg, were annoved about a year ago by rumors reflecting on their only daughter, Augusta, who is 20 years old. The rumors proved to be without the slightest foundation and detectives and Lawyer Frank Obernier vainly tried to ascertain where

they originated. After a time the elder Stutz began to receive postal cards demanding \$15,000 under penalty of exposing secrets in his family. He turned these over to Mr. Obernier. No glue to the author was found. All the postal cards were anonymous. They kept coming from one week to another and apparently were mailed in a different letter box each time. Meanwhile the father and his three sons worked quietly to locate the culprit, On Thursday last two small boys entered Mr. Stutz's store and handed him a letter. The boys told him the letter had been given to them by a young man. The writer addressed the provision dealer as "My dear Mr. Stutz" and spoke of not having heard anything from him for a long time. In conclusion he declared that unless he received \$15,000 that he would renew his attack on the family. Mr. Stutz at the request of his attorney turned the letter over o the police, On the following day Mr. Stutz received another letter. This was more threatening than the previous one. The writer demanded a meeting with Mr. Stutz, expressed a willingness to marry his daughter if he received \$15,000 and threatened that unless the money was paid he could not be hushed, that he would ruin his family. He said his name was Hanna and informed Mr. Sturz that if he meant business at last to meet him Saturday night at s o'clock at Myrtle and Bushwick avenues.

hand. Swing your arm to and fro so that I can be sure it I you. Mr. Stutz and Lawyer Obernier immediately went to the Hamburg avenue police station and handed the letter to Capt. Gaus. Detective Leonard and another detective were out on the case. Mr. Stutz delegated Killian

Weger, a friend of the family, to meet would be serious trouble. Weger was at the appointed place at so'clock He and John Auer, the finaces of Miss Stutz. Presently a tall young fellow with a swagger and wearing a high collar and a red tie stepped

up to Weger and said to him:
"May I ask if you are Mr. Stutz?" That's my name," replied Weger. "Who

are you? to see. Did you bring the money with you?" "Yes" replied Weger, "but let's go to a minutes. place where we can talk the matter over.

Fifteen thousand dollars is rather a steep price for hushing up this case." Weger led the way to a neighboring salcon that the detectives had agreed on. The two men sat down at a table and Weger ordered

drinks. "Now don't you think," said he, "that it \$10,000.

"Not on your life, "replied the blackmailer.

By this time the detectives were peeping in at the front door and Weger, who saw them, got up and told Hanna to follow him.
"Come outside where nobody will see us."
said Weger to him, "and I'll give you the money."
When the sidewalk was reached Weger held out a roll of greenbacks and as the blackmailer reached for it the detectives pounced

held out a roll of greenbacks and as the black-mailer reached for it the detectives pounced upon him.

"I might have known this," he said.

The prisoner was taken to the police station, where, on being questioned, he declared that he was innocent of any wrongdoing and that he had simply written the letters to oblice some ope eige. He declined to tell who the person he referred to was. Hanna told the police his full name was John Hanna, his age 19 and that he lived at 882 Broadway, Williamsburg. In answer to questions put to him by Capt. Gaus Hanna said that his father was ill and that he (the prisoner) had no work. He added that he was the sole support of his family and he begged that his arrest be kent from them.

The police held him on a charge of attempted blackmail, and vesterday when he was arraigned before Magistrate Lemon in the Ewen street police court, the charge was changed to one under Section 58s of the Penal Code, which makes it a felony to send threatening letters and causing the same to be delivered for the purpose of causing annoyance to the person for whom they were intended.

Hanna told Magistrate Lemon he thought

annoyance to the person for whom they were intended.

Hanna told Magistrate Lemon he thought it no harm to demand money in the circumstances. The Magistrate told him that a person who demanded money for the purpose that he did was even worse than a murderer, "What ought to be done with you," said the Magistrate, "is that you be taken to Mr. Stutz's place of business and put into a vat of boiling water. Even that would be too good for you. The family of Mr. Stutz and particularly his estimable daughter have been subject to the most intense anguish for more than a year. Your act is the most scoundrelly that has ever come under my notice. I'll commit you in default of \$500 bail pending a further hearing on Wednesday.

The prisoner marched into the pen with

bail pending a further hearing on Wednesday.

The prisoner marched into the pen with a smile. To a Sun reporter last night Lawyer Obernier said.

"At the time these atrocious rumors regarding Mise Stutz were started, she was engaged to be married to John Auer, the son of a weil known and estimable citizen. This young man, however, never once lost his confidence in her and he cooperated with her family in running to earth the secondrel who so cruelly and without the silicatest foundation slandered her. I am satisfied that Hanna is the tool for a gang of blackmailers who happened to single ou Mr. Stutz as a prson from whom they might get \$15,000. The girl has been so innocent in the matter that even to-day she does not realize the atraclousness of the story that was told about her. Her family are among the best known in Williamsburg and will leave nothing undone to have Hanna punished to the full extent of the law, detectives who have been at work are confident of running down the other members of the gand."

gand."
Miss Stutz is to be married to Mr. Aver
in February. He is the superintendent
of his father's business.

DR. WHITE WOULDN'T PAY CABMAN \$4. Took a Police Opinion and Made It \$1.75 - Will Probably Proceed Like Mark Twain.

Mark Twain has another disciple in the matter of ab drivers in Dr. A. Campbell White of 547 Fifth avenue. Dr. White had occasion last night to drive from the Hote Endicott to the Hotel Netherland and back again. He made one stop on the way to visit a patient. John Ryan, the cabman who had the job asked for \$1 when he got back to the Endicott. Dr. White declined to pay so much and offered \$2.50. Ryan refused it and doctor and cabman went to the West Sixty-eighth street station for a police opinion.

Sergt. Wade studied the card of legal cab charges and that told Dr. White that he owed Ryan \$1.75 and that's all Ryan \$6.5t.

Dr. White said that Mark Twain had set an excellent exan ple by prosecuting a cabman who charged too much and that he would probably do likewise by making a complaint against Ryan. Endlcott to the Hotel Netherland and back

Burnett's Vanilla eaves a good taste in the mouth. It is pure and whole-some. Don't be cheated with cheap goods. - A de.

SLANDERED INNOCENT GIRL. AU TIN'S .. PASSING OF THE CENTURY. Poet Laureate s Latest Work Considered Better Than He Had Been Doing.

Specal Cable Despatches to THE SUN London, Dec. 30. The Standard publishes poem by Alfred Austin antitled "The Passing of the Century," which is distinctly above the recent average of the laureate's work It contains six stanzas, the third of which s as follows:

Dust unto dust; he is dead, though he Was the last of the centuried years that flow, We know not wherefore, we never shall know. With the tide unebbing of time, and go To the phantom shore of et mity Shadows to shadows, they flit and flee Across the face of the flaming sun, The vague generations, one by one, That never are ended, never begun. Where is the dome or the vault so vast As to coffin the bones of the perished past. Save the limitless tomb of oblivion?

Austin makes feminine, occupies the last two stanzas, the final one of which reads: Yet her mind, dawn of the dark, for she, She, too, must pass 'neath the lychgate porch; And give to her keeping the vestal torch. That may offtime smolder and sometimes scorch, But rebrightens and burns eternally: The beacon on land and the star to sea, When the night is murk and the mist is dense,

The coming of the pew year, which Mr

To gu de us whither, remind us whence, The soul's own lamp, through the shades of sense the must tread the unknown the dead year trod. Though rugged the road, yet the goal to God.

THREE DEAD IN A SHOOTING. Desperado Kills a Citizen and the Sheriff and Is

Shot Fatally in Return. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 80 .- A party of guests of the Miller Hotel in Abbeyville were playing whist last night when John Densby came into the reading room. Densby was a noted gambler. He had killed several men and only a short time ago was acquitted of the murder of a negro. He had for years been United States Deputy Marshal. Densby had a grudge against William Kyle, from Ludlow, Mass, who had been in Abbeyville several months superintending the building of a large cotton mill. Kyle's work was ompleted and he was going to Massachusetts to-day. Densby immediately attempted to "Have this letter," Hanna wrote, "in your | pick a quarrel with Kyle. Kyle remonstrated attempting to pacify the desperado. Densby drew a pistol, someone caught his arm. He nickly changed his pun to his left hand and shot Kyle through the body. He died at noon to-day.

The murderer, threatening death to any who interfered with him, backed out of the oom. Policemen pursued him to his home, Hanne. He feared if he met the blackmailer | but he threatened to kill them and they telephoned Sheriff Kennedy. The sheriff toame with a few citizens. He posted his posse had a piece of paper in one hand. In door- then went to the door and ordered Densby ways a few yards distant were the detectives to come out and surrender. Densby stepped out, shut the door behind him and said Well, we'll all go to hell together."

He opened fire. The sheriff responded promptly, and after receiving a bullet near his heart the sheriff fell. The murderer with two bullets through his body walked off down the street and was reloading his "I'm John Hanna, the man that you'ge got pistol when policemen seized him. He died an hour later. The sheriff died in a few

DEMOCRAT GOES OVER TO QUAY. enator Weshburn Leaves Anti-quay Combine Will Be a Stalwart Republican.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 30 .- Senator O. Washburn, representing Crawford county in the State Sentate, gave the anti-Quay mana \$15,000 is a little too much. Can't you make | gers a jolt to-night. He has taken himself out of the Democratic party and has declared for Quay. The execrated Senator is a native "Why, Iheard not so long ago that you were of Vermont and about 34 years old. He is willing to pay \$50,000 to hush up this matter tall and gaunt and his speeches last session His associates in the upper branch were went to make unkind remarks about him and by many he is regarded as a crank. He finished his education at St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y. and then entered the ministry of the Universalist Church He was a preacher in Mercer and Crawford counties previous to his election and has been a writer on social topics for several years.

ETRURIA BEAT NEW YORK IN. Liners Were in Company for Three Days -The Old Single Screw Won.

The last race of the nineteenth century between Atlantic liners terminated on Saturday in a victory for the single screw, sixteen year-old Etruria, Capt. McKay, of the Cunard Line over the tw.n screw, eight-year-old American liner New York, Capt. Mills. The Etruria left Liverpool on Saturday night, Dec. 22, at 7:80 and Queenstown on Sunday at 11:20. The New York left Southampton about noon Saturday and Cherbourg in the evening. Both ran into a strong northvesterly gale and heavy sea, which lasted nearly four days.

On Wednesday the New York was sighted two points forward the port beam of the Etruria, about twelve miles away, and they steamed all day with little change. night the New York crossed the bows of the

steamed all day with little change. That night the New York crossed the bows of the Etruria and on Thursday morning was found two points forward the starboard beam, and only four niles away. The day being squally the ships frequently lost sight of each other, but there was no change of position.

A rough sea premised victory for the Etruria a smooth one, for her rival. The Etruria's engines quickened from fifty-five to sixty-three turns, and to the passengers it was evident that an interesting trial of speed and endurance was on.

All night the New York's lights were kept in sight and with daylight Friday came a higher barometer, smoother sea and fairer weather. Gradually the New York began to draw shead, the smoke pouring out of her three funnels, and as she raced along she looked like a magnificent yacht. Her lead increased a little as her course converged toward the Etruria's until she was scarcely two miles away. But she did not hold the gait she had out out, and soon the steady speed of the Cunarder told. When the passengers on the Etruria turned in on Friday night the New York was on her quarter, three miles away.

With Saturday morning the victory was complete, for the Etruria was nearly dead ahead, a leader by five miles, which lead she increased steadily all day until her rival was out of sight. The Etruria anchored at Quarantine at 11 P. M. Saturday and the New York about an hour and a half later, both docking in the morning.

Among the passengers on the Etruria were Capt, F. G. Hansford, Rev. D. J. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Treat, Mr. Frank J. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Treat, Mr. Frank J. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Miss A. E. Tennant and Mr. John Landie. The New York brought the passengers of the disabled Westernland, which was towed into Southampton on Dec. 22.

A FINED BAKER'S SUNDAY CRUSADE.

Store of Justice Who Fined Him. TRENTON, N. J. Dec 30 - August Unternahr, a baker, was fined \$2 by Police Justice Jackson last week for selling bread on Sunday as the result of a movement against Sunday as the result of a movement against grocers and bakers who have been keeping open on the Sabbath. To-day Mr. Unternahr bought a cisar at the drug store kept by the Police Justice who fined him. Next he went to the Post Office and bought three two-cent stamps. Now he declares that the Government sets the example for violating the Sunday law and the authorities encourage it. He says he will test the old blue law under which he and others have been fined during the past week. en fined during the past week

The Contury's Progress is exemplified in the equipment of the "Limited Leaves New York daily for clanati and St. Louis. -Adr.

ANOTHER BLOW TO BRITISH.

BOERS CAPTURE HELVETIA GARRISON AFTER KILLING FIFTY OF THEM.

Probably the Work of Commandant-General Botha - Kitchener Briefly Reports the Disaster - Fighting Also West of Pretoria - The Situation in Cape Colony Unchanged.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 30,-It is little more than a fortnight since Gens. Delarey and Beyer successfully attacked Gen. Clements's position at Magaliesburg, and Gen. Kitchener has again to transmit news of a disaster, which the first reports suggest is likely to prove scarcely less serious than the Nooltgedacht affair. This time it is the garrison at Helvetia, east of Pretoria and in the hill country south of Lydenburg, which has apparently been surprised by the Boers. At any rate the British force there has been captured

after sustaining heavy casualties. The Boers, as usual, evacuated the town after achieving their purpose. They doubtless seized stock, arms and ammunition, which they much needed. Nothing is said about any loss of guns, but the wording of the official despatch prepares the public here to expect an announcement to this effect later. The leader of the successful coup is unknown. Commandant-General Botha was lately reported in that neighborhood.

Gen Kitchener's despatch follows:
"PRETORIA. De 30 - Lytteiton reports: Our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by Boers. About fifty were killed." "Col. Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy. Helvetia is being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reenforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg Railway. It was held by a detachment of the Liverpool Regiment. I am asking for further information

Gen. Kitchener also telegraphed yesterday: "There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appear to have broken into small parties at Utrecht and are moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north. The last report states that the western forces are moving to Carnarvon Delisle and Thorneycroft are in close pursuit French has occupied Ventersdorp. Clements is opposed on the road to Rustenburg. The eastern line was blown up near Pan and a train was held up this morning on the Standerton line near Vaal Station. Knox's column and Boye's brigade are holding De Wet from breaking south.

GEN. COLVILLE DEFIES WAR OFFICE. Went Resign, and Demands Full Inquiry of His South African Record.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 30,-Major-Gen. Sir Henry Colville, who has been called upon to resign by the War Office, owing, it is presumed, to his connection with the disaster which befell the Yeomanry near Lindley, South Africa, last May, has sent to the press a long statement which is practically an appeal to the public against the War Office. He contends that the War Office has reversed the decision of the Marquis of Lansdowne, formerly Secretary of State for War, in the matter.

Gen. Colville's defence is energetic and interesting. He lays the blame for the Lindley disaster on the General Staff, which he accuses of bungling and mismanagement. He concludes by rehearsing his services in South Africa, and declares that he does not intend to play the scapegoat for the staff. He courts a full and open inquiry, and says he is confident that such an inquiry will result in his entire justification.

ARRESTED FOR SEDITION.

Ex-Minister of Cape Colony in Custody tor Urging Colonists to Rebel. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

London, Dec. 31 .- A despatch to the Telegraph from Cape Town says that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of ex-Minister Tewater for making a seditious speech at Graaff Reinet, in which he incited his hearers to rebellion in connection with the Boer invasion of Cape Colony. This is only the first of a series of arrests. It heralds a wide extension of martial law to the remaining districts of the colony.

CHASING A FILIPINO GENERAL. Gen. Grant Thinks He Has Him Surrounded on Mount Arayat.

Special Cubie Despatch to THE SUN Manila, Dec. 30.—Gen. Fred Grant re-ports an exciting chase after Gen. Alejandrino, a rebel leader, and three other insurgent officers and thirty men. The Americans captured the General's personal baggage and records at Mount Arayat, upon which the insurgents are believed to be hidden. The Forty-first Volunteer Infantry is climbing the mountain, thoroughly scouring it as they ascend, while the base is surrounded by mounted patrols to prevent the escape of Gen. Alejandrino and his party.

The Philippine Commission is now finishing the municipal code and the School bill. The Tariff bill prepared by the commission has been forwarded to Washington. The transport Warren sails to-day, carrying 500 sick soldiers and thirty-seven other pas-

SENATOR PROCTOR CLOSES BIG DEAL Buys the Famous Carrara Marble Quarries for

\$10,000,000. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 30 .- It is stated that Senator Proctor of Vermont has bought the famous Carrara quarries of Italy, thus securing, with his Vermont holdings, control of the bulk of the world's output of statuary and building marble.

It is stated that an agent named Korta reently came to London on behalf of a number of Carrara proprietors to sell most of the quarries there. He has been treating with London capitalists for some time when Senator Proceeder cabled an offer and sent a representative, who upon arriving here closed the deal in a few hours. The sum paid was about \$10,000.-

GERMAN EMPRESS'S BANKER IN JAIL Arrested in Connection With the Failure of Berlin Mortgage Bank. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN

BERLIN, Dec. '30 -Edward Schmitt, the Norwegian Consul here and owner of the banking firm of Ashalt & Wagener, was arrested on Saturday in connection with the affairs of the Prussian Mortgage Bank Herr Schmitt's firm acted as bankers for the German Empress.

Man of 82 Weds on a Campaign Be STERLING, Ill., Dec. 30.-William aged 82, was married to-day Meins, aged 20. It was fime, of the bridgeroom at Time, lican and during your Troubles, bet with the ghtens your Expenses.

was in 1050 Manhattan, from \$5.00 the priorith. me year contracts. NEW YORK TELEPHONE CO. 111 West 38th St. 18 Dey Street

FATAL INITIATION PRANKS. Widow of a Man Who Died of His Injuries Gets

\$4.000 Damages CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 30.-R. O. Deason, saloonkeeper, living at Desoto, a small mining town six miles north of this city died several months ago of injuries received while being initiated into the Knights of the Royal Arch. This order is composed exclusively of liquor dealers and has grown to large proportions In the ceremonies of initiation a paddle was used, having on one side a blank cartridge. The user of the paddle accidentally turned the side with the cartridge attached and the wad was

the ceremony Deason died of blood polson-Mrs. Deason brought suit to recover damages alleging carlessness on the part of, those who participated in the initiation. The case was recently decided in favor of the widow. The jury gave her \$4,000.

imbedded in Deason's thigh. Two days after

REPUSE TO RECOUNT THE VOTE. County Clerk and Commissioners in Jail Now for Contempt of Court.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 80 .- C. G. Keply and R. I. Borington, County Commissioners, and Frank T. Hatter, County Clerk, of Garfield county, Oklahoma, are in the county jail on the order of Judge John L. MoAtee, where they must remain until they agree to recount the vote cast at the last election for Probate Judge and pay a fine of \$400 each or contempt.

Loraine Moore, a Populist candidate, was defeated by one vote and on offering proof that he had really a majority of one rote Judge McAtee ordered a recount. The Commissioners and Clerk say they will "rot in jail" before they will comply with Judge McAtee's order. They will apply to the Supreme Court.

PRIEST BEATS A SUNDAY DRINKER. finds One of His Parishioners in a Saloon and Sends Him Flying.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 80.-The Very Rev Dean McNulty made a tour of the saloons after mass this morning and found a number of them selling liquor. It is expected that he will make complaints against some of

them to-morrow. In a Main street saloon he found one of his parishioners, John Gibbon, standing at the par. The priest grew very indignant and began to belabor Gibbon over the head, at the same time reproaching him for being in such a place on the Sabbath. Gibbon was so dumfounded that it was some time before he had the presence of mind to run away.

LORD DUFFERIN WAS OUT. Resigned Chairmanship of London and Globe Corporation Before the Failure.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 80 .- Lord Dufferin, who, acording to the generally accepted press statements, was chairman of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, which suspended payment on Friday, authorizes the statement that he resigned the chairmanship of the Whitaker Wright group of companies on receiving news recently that his son had een dangerously wounded in South Africa. He adds that he and his wife are now preparing to go to South Africa.

MRS. BRYAN TO HELP THE EDITOR. Will Conduct a Woman's Department in Her Husband's New Paper.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 30 .- Mrs. Bryan is to be the associate of Mr. Bryan in editing the Commoner. This was made known to-day Bryan will conduct a department for women in the new weekly. It is not to be the ordinary woman's department, dealing with fashions and frivolities, but will deal with questions of higher culture and with the interests of the

of higher culture and with the interests of the advanced woman generally.

Mr. Bryan would neither affirm nor deny the statement to-day, saying that her husband was the editor and all announcements as to the newspaper must come through him. She has written a great deal in past years, generally on questions connected with the home and woman's part in literary and industrial life.

WIDOW FOR THE EIGHTH TIME.

Mrs. Boyden's Husband Drowns Rimself Here Two of His Predecessors Did the Same. INDIANAPOLAS, Dec. 30 -George Boyden

farmer living near Newburg, committed suicide last night by throwing himself in the cistern near his residence. He was the eighth husband of Mrs. Emily Boyden, and the third in the list to commit suicide. Two of the husbands died of natural causes, three committed suicide by drowning and three committed suicide by drowning and three were divorced, two on their own com-plaints and one on hers.

A peculiar coincidence of the suicides is that each of the husbands drowned him-self in the same district. self in the same cistern.

SCARCITY OF JACK TARS. Not Enough Recruits at the Navy Yard Yet to Man the Wisconsin.

The officers in charge of the recruiting station at the Brooklyn navy yard are experiencing considerable trouble in furnishing the full draft of seamen ordered for the new battleship Wisconsin. It was intended to raise the full complement of men in the Brooklyn yard, but it begins to look as if drafts will have to be made on the stations in other cities in order to furnish the full quota for the big battleship. This means that there will be a still further delay, as it is said that the same conditions exist in the stations in other cities as in Brooklyn.

EL PASO'S CARNIVAL QUEEN. Miss Claire Kelly's Friends Spend \$5,200 Secure Her Election.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29. The contest for the election of a Queen of the Carnival, to be held here on Jan. 16, closed at 10 o'clock to-night with the election of Miss Claire Kelly. The contest was lively and \$5,200 were spent on the two leaders, Miss Kelly and Miss Trumbull. Two mining men put up the money and had the banks not been closed and had not the committee refused to accept checks more than \$20,000 would have been realized. All the money was in

easiern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, rain or tes. becoming northwest to night. For New England, rain or snow to-day; to-morrow, d

colder and generally fair, except probably snow in extreme north portions; fresh west winds. For western New York, snow and colder to day; cold wave to-night; to-morrow, fair and cold, except snow flurries near the Lakes.

CHINA ACCEPTS THE TERMS.

ENVOYS NOTIFY THE MINISTERS THAT DEMANDS ARE GRANTED.

Will Sign the Preliminary Note of the Power as Soon as a Joint Meeting Can Be Arranged The Demands Were Not Officially Presented Until Dec. 24 - What China Grants

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN From a Staff Correspondent.

PERIN, Dec. 30 .- Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese Peace Commissioners to-day notified Senor De Cologan, the Spanish Minister and dean of the Diplomatic Corps, that the Government had agreed to the demands of the Powers as set forth in the preliminary note. They asked that a meeting of the foreign representatives be immediately convened and said that they would sign the note in their character of

representatives of the Throne. SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.-Chinese papers here announce that the throne has accented the demands of the Powers contained in the preliminary note presented a few days ago to the Chinese envoys.

It is stated that the Emperor has ordered that Yu Hsien, formerly Governor of Shanel who personally took part in the murder of missionaries, shall be immediately beheaded It is reported that ninety carts have been sent to Taiyuen to meet the court returning to Pekin from Singan-Fu.

Paris, Dec. 30.-A despatch received here from Pekin states that the acceptance of the preliminary note of the Pomers is contained in an edict issued by the Emperor, which Li Hung Chang has communicated to the Ministers. The edictauthorizes the Chinese Commissioners to negotiate on the basis of the note, and asks for a suspension of hostilities The commissions say that the Emperor has declared his wish to hasten the negotiations and the signature of a treaty of peace. He desires to return to Pekin by the end of February.

Briefly, the terms of the Powers, which the Chinese envoys announce will be accepted, are: The despatch to Berlin of a mission headed by an Imperial prince to express the Chinese Emperor's regret for the murder of the German Minister and the erection on the spot of assassination in Pekin of a commemorative monument; the severest punishment for the persons designated in the Imperial decree of Sept. 25 and others whom the Powers may name; the suspen sion for five years of examinations in cities where foreigners have been massacred or cruelly treated; honorable reparation to the Japanese Government for the murder of Chancellor of Legation Sujyama; an explatory monument to be erected in every foreign or international cemetery which has been descerated; prohibition of the importation of arms as well as materials employed exclusively for the manufacture of arms and ammunithon; indemnities for governments, societies, companies and individuals, eincluding Chinese, who have suffered in person or property in obsequence of their being of service to foreigners, financial guarantees to be acceptable to the Powers; maintenance of permanent guards for the legations and the erection of defences, no Chinese having the right to live in the legation quarter, destruction of the forts between Pekin and the sea; military occupation by the Powers of certain points to be designated for keeping open communication with the capital; publication by the Chinese Government of a decree embodying a perpetual prohibition, under penalty of death, of membership in any anti-foreign society, enumerating the punishments that shall be inflicted and the suspension of examinations, and andesecrated; prohibition of the importation of the punishments that shall be inflicted and the suspension of examinations, and announcing that the Viceroys, Governors and all provincial and local officials shall be held responsible for the maintenance of order, and, if disorder occurs, they shall be removed and shall never again be sligible to office; amendment of present treaties; reform in the Department of Foreign Affairs and in the manner of receiving foreign representatives.

The note was officially presented to Prince Ching on Dec. 24, but its terms had been previously known and had been forwarded to the Chinese court at Singan-fu. The quick reply is thus explained.

ACCUSES THE GERMANS IN CHINA. English Correspondent Says They Killed Inne cent as Well as Guilty Chinese.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Pekin correspond-ent of the Times sends a long despatch indicating that the Germans are pillaging and killing innocent and guilty Chinese indiscriminately. He declares that they are generally harrying the country, and creating nstead of repressing disorder.

He cites instances that were recently tansmitted by the correspondent of THE SUN. and adds that while the German Emperor is professing anxiety for the court to return to Pekin the Germans are preparing to despatch an expedition to Singanfu in the spring. which will have the certain effect of driving the court into Kashgaria. While he is professing an academic desire to maintain the integrity of China and to support the central authority the Germans by their action in Chili are provoking sympathetic unrest in the Yangtse valley, which might necessitate military action there as in Chili.

The correspondent complains much that the obloquy incurred by the Germans by their wilful harshness is injuring the reputation of the British, who are every where advertised as being subordinate to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, although no British officer is admitted to his councils. The correspondent suggest that the British forces be separated from Count von Waldersee's command

STATE DEPARTMENT NOT INFORMED

China Would Accept Terms. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.-The State De partment has not received any confirmation of the announcement from Pekin that the Chinese Emperor has agreed to the demands of the Powers, but no doubt is felt here that the news is correct. It has been generally understood by the Powers that China would

closed and had not the committee refused to accept checks more than \$20,000 would have been realized. All the money was in gold.

HAS LIVED IN THREE CENTURIES.

Abraham Ephraim Elmer of Utica is Still Spry—Likes Tobacco.

UTICA, Dec. 30.—Abraham Ephriam Elmer of 52 Henry street on Tuesday will have lived in three q899, had had a star any time dum 54 112 56 9 allth as at any time

Steam Whaler's Trip Not Profitable. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 — The steam whaler

Fearless arrived to-day after eighteen months in Arctic seas. She brought 7,000 pounds of whalebone, worth about \$33,000, which will barely pay expenses. She left here on wril 6, 1890, and had an uneventful trip.

eet purity in brewery products is exemplified